

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services	)	WC Docket No. 12-375
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**ORDER**

**Adopted: December 12, 2013**

**Released: December 12, 2013**

**Revised Comment Date: December 20, 2013**

**Revised Reply Comment Date: January 13, 2014**

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants in part the Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments filed on December 6, 2013 by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (Ohio DRC) in WC Docket No. 12-375.<sup>1</sup> As discussed more fully below, the Bureau finds that good cause exists to grant in part the Ohio DRC's request for a modest time extension for all parties.

2. On September 26, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released the *Inmate Calling Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.<sup>2</sup> In that item, the Commission adopted reforms of interstate inmate calling service rates, requiring that all providers' rates and charges be cost-based.<sup>3</sup> In the *Further Notice* portion of the item, the Commission sought comment on a number of outstanding issues.<sup>4</sup> The *Further Notice* set dates for comments and reply comments as December 13 and December 30, 2013 respectively.<sup>5</sup>

3. The Ohio DRC requests that parties be allowed an extension of time to file comments to those questions raised in the *Further Notice* portion of the item: January 13, 2014 for initial comments and until February 12, 2014 for reply comments.<sup>6</sup> The Ohio DRC asserts that an additional grant of time would allow for "a more complete factual and legal record in this proceeding."<sup>7</sup> Three parties filed comments in support of the Ohio DRC motion,<sup>8</sup> and none opposed it.

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<sup>1</sup> Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 6, 2013) (Ohio DRC Motion or Motion).

<sup>2</sup> See *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 13-113 (rel. Sept. 26, 2013) (*Inmate Calling Report and Order and FNPRM*).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at para. 5.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at paras. 128-179.

<sup>5</sup> See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces the Comment Cycle and Effective Date for the Inmate Calling Report and Order and FNPRM*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, DA 13-2175 (rel. Nov. 13, 2013) (*Public Notice*).

<sup>6</sup> Ohio DRC Motion at 1-2.

<sup>7</sup> Ohio DRC Motion at 2.

<sup>8</sup> See Letter from Chérie R. Kiser, Counsel to Global Tel\*Link Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 9, 2013); Letter from Dennis Kaemingk, Secretary, South Dakota Department of

4. Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules provides that "[i]t is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted."<sup>9</sup> Upon review, however, we agree with the commenters that a modest time extension will more fully allow parties to provide us with more fulsome comments that will facilitate the compilation of a complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission's consideration of these issues.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 303(r) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 303(r); and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.45, and 1.415 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.45, and 1.415 that the Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments filed by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction on December 6, 2013 IS GRANTED IN PART to the extent described herein and IS OTHERWISE DENIED, and the deadline for filing comments to the *Further Notice* IS December 20, 2013 and reply comments IS January 13, 2014.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Corrections, et al., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 9, 2013); Letter from Lee Petro, Counsel to Wright Petitioners, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, Statement Regarding Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Dec. 11, 2013).

<sup>9</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.